



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO:

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FROM:

S. M. Nesta, Environmental Compliance and Operations, T130C, X6386

SUBJECT:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT DOCUMENTATION FOR

BUILDING 440 PAINT BOOTH REMOVAL- SMN-028-98

Attached is a copy of the categorical exclusion recently approved for the subject project. The categorical exclusion was also provided to you by hand or by fax last week. Receipt of this document concludes the NEPA process for the project and, from a NEPA perspective, the project may proceed. Please inform me of any changes to the project so that I may review the categorical exclusion for continued applicability.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at X6386 or Bill Moore of Labat Anderson/NEPA at X8132 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Attachment: As Stated

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DOE NEPA REGULATIONS SUBPART D CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION - RFFO/CX05-98

Proposed Action: Building 440 Paint Booth Removal to Increase Available Waste

Storage Space

Location: Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, Golden, CO

Proposed by: U.S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE, RFFO)

Description of the proposed action:

The Rocky Flats Field Office proposes to dismantle and remove the paint booth (room 113) in Building 440, recycle or dispose of the various elements of, or within, the booth, and use the space for storage of the same types of waste as are now stored in the reminder of the building.

The Radioactive Waste Storage Environmental Assessment (DOE/EA-1146), which analyzed conversion of Building 440 from its previous use to use for waste storage, reviewed conversion of the paint booth to use as a separately-ventilated waste repackaging area. Current plans, however, call for the repackaging area to be located elsewhere (see RFFO/CX 23-97), so the area now occupied by the paint booth is available for waste storage. Use of the paint booth site for waste storage will not result in an increase in the building's waste storage capacity beyond that analyzed in the Radioactive Waste Storage Environmental Assessment.

Paint booth removal will include dismantlement of the booth, removal of related ventilation fans, ducts, steam coils, stacks, controls, filter frames, fire protection sprinklers and other equipment and hardware, patching the roof where ventilation ductwork is removed, painting the floor, disconnection or termination of certain utilities, and installation of new or relocated supports for remaining utilities. In addition, new electrical service will be installed in room 113.

Categorical Exclusion to be applied:

B6.6 Modification (excluding increases in capacity) of an existing structure used for storing, packaging, or repacking waste other than high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel, to handle the same class of waste as currently handled at that structure.

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Justification:

The project involves modification of an existing structure used for storing waste other than high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel to handle the same class of waste currently handled in the structure, as described in the proposed categorical exclusion.

In addition, in accordance with 10 CFR 1021.410(b), the project (a) fits within the class of actions listed in Appendix B of Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021, (b) exhibits no extraordinary circumstances that may affect the significance of its environmental effects, and (c) is not "connected" (per 40 CFR 1508.25[a][1]) to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts (per 40 CFR 1508.25[a][2]), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, the project would not (d) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, including requirements of DOE and/or Executive Orders, (e) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), (f) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; or (g) adversely affect environmentally sensitive resources.

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion as defined in Subpart D of 10 CFR 1021. Therefore, I approve the categorical exclusion of the proposed action from further NEPA review and documentation.

Date: March 4, 1998

Signature: C. Morris
John C. Morris

NEPA Compliance Officer